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FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION  
APPROVED BY OASGA JUNE 17, 1976 ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT:

STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS  
OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE QUESTION OF

(RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION HELD  
ON JUNE 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

FOR GOOD RELATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
HAVE A JUST SOLUTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION, CON-  
SISTENT WITH THE IDEAS OF FREEDOM OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS  
WHO GAVE BIRTH TO THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS, AND OF  
THOSE WHO FOUNDED THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

THE MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, HELD IN BOGOTA,  
TLATELOLCO, AND WASHINGTON PROCLAIMED THE PANAMA CANAL  
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QUESTION TO BE ONE OF COMMON CONCERN TO LATIN AMERICA;

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A JUST AND EQUITABLE TREATY BETWEEN THE INTERESTED PARTIES ARE CONTAINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PANAMA IN THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ON APRIL 3, 1964, AND IN THE EIGHT-POINT AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974, KNOWN AS THE TACK-KISSINGER STATEMENT,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. TO REITERATE WITH RENEWED EMPHASIS THE IDEAS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION AG/RES. 174 (V-O/75) OF MAY 15, 1975.
2. TO NOTE AS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION THE REPORT PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA, WHICH RECORDS THE PROGRESS MADE.
3. TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT ALTHOUGH THE PARTIES HAVE REPORTED THAT SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES STILL REMAIN BETWEEN THEM, THIS YEAR OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS OF PANAMA WILL SEE THE CULMINATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PANAMA HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING FOR TWELVE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCLUDING A NEW, JUST, AND EQUITABLE TREATY CONCERNING THE CANAL, ONE THAT WILL ELIMINATE FOR ALL TIME THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND BE EFFECTIVE IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PEACE IN THE AMERICAS.

END TEXT. ROBINSON

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